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New Test
“Urine Culture IF”

Urine Culture *IF* Urinalysis Results are Positive

On October 26, 2009 the University of Colorado Hospital Clinical Laboratory is offering a new test UR CULT IF.

It is now possible to automatically order a urine culture dependent upon Urinalysis (with microscopic) results. When results (leukocyte esterase, nitrite, white blood cells, and bacteria) are abnormal, a urine culture will be added to the order. If the urinalysis is normal, the urine culture will not be performed.

Order: UA (Urinalysis with microscopic) *and* UR CULT IF (Urine culture if UA positive).

Please note that **BOTH** orders must be present - UA (with microscopic) and UR CULT IF.

UA is an imperfect screen for UTI. If you strongly suspect a UTI do not order UR CULT IF. Instead, order C URINE (urine culture) and a urine culture will be performed regardless of UA results.

Please call Lorne Holland, MD., at 720-848-7050 if you have any questions or visit our website at <http://www.uch.edu/for-healthcare-professional/Clinical-Laboratory/index.aspx> for additional information.

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